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SUBJ: GOA-BOLIVIAN FLAP OVER COUP CHARGES APPEARS RESOLVED

1. REACTING TO PRESS REPORTS THAT BOLIVIAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR, JUAN PEREDA ASBUN, HAD CHARGED THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMY WAS PLANNING TO SUPPORT FORMER BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT, ALFREDO OVANDO, IN A COUP ATTEMPT AGAINST PRESIDENT BANZER, FONMIN VIGNES CALLED IN THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR AND FORMALLY PROTESTED THE CHARGE.

2. THE JULY 30 BOLIVIAN REPLY, STATING BOLIVIA DID NOT AND HAD NOT CHARGED GOA INVOLVEMENT IN AN OVANDO PLOT TO OVERTHROW BANZER WAS TERMED "SATISFACTORY" BY VIGNES.

3. THE CHARGE STEMS FROM A LETTER SUPPOSEDLY SENT FROM A BOLIVIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER, BENJAMIN MIGUEL, TO HIS WIFE. THE LETTER STATES THAT THE ARGENTINA ARMY WOULD SUPPORT OVANDO IN COUP ATTEMPT AGAINST BANZER, THUS DRAWING BOLIVIA AWAY FROM BRAZIL. MIGUEL HAS DENIED AUTHENTICITY OF LETTER, WHICH IN ADDITION TO FACT OVANDO RECENTLY IN ARGENTINA FOR SHORT VISIT SEEMS ONLY BASIS FOR CHARGE.

COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD BE SURPRISED IF CHARGES HAVE ANY
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SUBSTANCE. INDEED RECENT EVIDENCE WOULD INDICATE GOA IS KEEPING

CLOSE WATCH ON EXILE GROUP AND DISCOURAGING THEIR POLITICAL
ACTIVITIES. ONLY PERMANENT EFFECT OF FLAP WILL PROBABLY BE
ON BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR CERRUTO, WHO TOLD AMB HILL THAT HE HAD
BEEN OFFENDED BY RUDE TREATMENT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM FONMIN
VIGNES.
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